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REMARKS

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1. Between 14 February and 6 March 1954, the Infanterie Kaserne (8541) in Zeitz was occupied by about 1,400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank and motor transport insignia and a unit of about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets with artillery and engineer insignia and not permanently stationed there. Between 15 and 25 February, elements presumably were absent for exercises. Heavy weapons observed included 6 armored personnel carriers, 6 x 57-mm AF guns and 6 x 82-mm mortars. Between 14 February and 6 March, [ ] motor vehicles were identified en route to and from the installation.

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2. Between 14 and 23 February, the Artillerie Kaserne (8542) in Zeitz was occupied by about 1,100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. In early March, [ ] no training was held in the installation. On 5 March, about 600 troops received meals.<sup>1</sup> Beginning on 24 March, large-scale exercises were under way in the area of Droyssig, west of Zeitz Minkwitz, Wildenborn and Wuerchwitz east of Zeitz. Large elements of the tank unit stationed in the installation,

[ ] and M-3 armored personnel carriers participated in the exercises.<sup>2</sup>

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[ ] On 6 March, T-34/85 tanks entered the installation. A short time later, tanks left the installation.<sup>1</sup>

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1. Comment. The units of the 20th Gds Mecha Div stationed in Zeitz are confirmed [ ] Units not permanently stationed in Zeitz have [ ] been observed there in connection with the firing practices in the Zeitz Forest.

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